

COMMENT SET 11: BETTY WINHOLTZ, MEMBER, CITY OF MORRO BAY, CITY COUNCIL

Dear Mr. McFarlin:

I am a member of the Morro Bay City Council. The Council briefly discussed your project at our latest meeting, January 12, 2009. It was part of a report, so no action could be taken. However, there was sympathy by all council members to submit personal comments regarding this project.

Please accept these comments as part of the record for this project. I was unable to attend the local hearings last week due to my afternoon/evening work schedule.

There is minimal impact this time as compared to the initial project. However, there is still some disturbance for a short period of time, i.e. stirring of the water for fishers and surfers, access closure, and earth disturbance, as noted in the DEIR. Though the project is within San Luis Obispo County, only the California Department of State Parks currently receives financial compensation from ATT for utilizing this natural public resource for profit. Yet the County owns and maintains the only road that runs the length of Montana de Oro State Park, and that ATT uses for access

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It is State Parks desire to begin charging an entrance fee to this primitively maintained (outhouse toilets), few amenities Park. The DEIR notes that Morro Bay, and I would add the adjacent unincorporated community of Los Osos, does have a significant Hispanic/Latino and low income population. There is a possible nexus that ATT could pay to the County the annual fee, this year \$53,000, State Parks is requiring to keep access to the park free, and subsequently available to low income people and families.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Betty Winholtz
Council Member
City of Morro Bay

1 **RESPONSE TO COMMENT SET 11: BETTY WINHOLTZ, MEMBER, CITY OF**
2 **MORRO BAY, CITY COUNCIL**

3 11-1 Comment noted. See response to Comment 10-2 above.